

Agenda
Warren Seletcboard
July 6, 2021
9:00 AM
VIA Zoom

10:00 AM – Public Comment

10:05 AM – Setting the Municipal Tax Rate

10:10 AM – Other Business

Agenda Subject to Change

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Minutes of July 6, 2021

Warren Selectboard

9:00 AM

VIA Zoom

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Luke Youmell, Vice Chair & Camilla Behn

Members Absent: Bob Ackland & Devin Klein Corrigan

Others Present: Cindi Jones

9:00 AM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

9:01 AM – Public Comment none.

9:03 PM – Setting the Municipal Tax Rate – Ms. Jones presented the board with the calculation for the municipal tax based on the grand list of \$7,554,127.60 prepared by the Lister's after grievance. Ms. Jones also presented some options for using some general fund balance since spending was reduced last year ending with a fund balance of \$657,824. Mr. Youmell commented that the board should not use any of it and keep the tax rate at the calculation of 0.374. Ms. Behn commented is there a benefit to reducing the balance to lower the tax rate by a penny. Mr. Cunningham commented that it is nice to have a cushion in the general fund as that cushion worked in the favor of the Town during Irene. He also commented that it is down by 4 cents and to reduce it anymore could create a high municipal rate fluctuation in the future as it has been pretty consistent. The board has no control of the Education Tax Rates which the State sets. This year's rates are: Non-residential at \$1.7446, and the Residential Homestead rate is at \$17869.

Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve setting the Municipal Tax Rate at 0.37 cents, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:10 AM – Other Business

East Warren Market Compliant – Dogs/Chickens – Mr. Cunningham sent over an email from Mr. Faillace regarding his chickens and hens. They have invested in fencing to keep them in and the gardeners have been very happy as they have been eating the bugs in the gardens. Mr. Youmell suggested that the Town put up a dog waste sign by the picnic tables. He would check with the highway dept to see if they had one.

9:11 AM – M. Bennett Dog Issue – Mr. Cunningham received an email from Mr. Bifano asking if the board was going to put sanctions on the dog owner. Mr. Cunningham commented that the board just wants to talk to her about the dog issue putting her on notice. Mr. Youmell commented that he had talked with Ms. Lerner a neighbor and she has spoken to Ms. Bennett several times and it is not just one dog that runs. The dog issue is on the agenda for July 13, 2021.

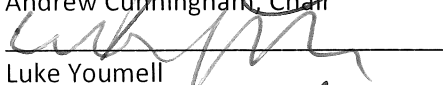
9:12 PM – Highway Truck Purchase: Mr. Youmell brought up that Mr. Bombard would like an authorization to accept the bid from Clarks. Clarks will give the Town \$40,000 in trade for the Mac and Clarks would hold that trade value for 2022. That would bring the truck down \$167,837.07. It would be another International. There were only two bids. The board gave the approval for Mr. Bombard to order, as it will not be here until 2022.


9:14 AM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Youmell, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair

Luke Youmell

Camilla Behn

Bob Ackland

Devin Klein-Corrigan